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Christmas tree, O Christmas tree

Thoughts on ...

By Dick Morgado

Thanksgiving has passed and the Christmas season has begun, notwithstanding the fact that stores have been selling Christmas merchandise ad nauseum since September. In our house, the season begins the day after the turkey has been devoured and the offspring have returned to their own homes, not to be heard from until there are gifts under the tree.

For a period of time when I was young, we lived in the city. Two weeks before Christmas, our little family, Mom, Dad and me, would venture out to find the perfect tree to be found in a forest of pines that magically appeared on the parking lot of the nearby elementary school. The proceeds from the purchase of these trees would help fund various school activities like holiday parties which, no doubt, is no longer allowed. But I digress.

The process was like buying a car, except it was usually at night, and since it was before global warming, it was invariably freezing cold and snowing. Dad would pick out a tree, and the sales guy would hold it up for my mother to examine. He'd turn it around and around, tapping it on the pavement to make sure no needles would fall off to ensure it was fresh, which of course it was not since it was cut in Canada back in October.

This melodrama would be repeated three or four times until Mom was satisfied ... or not. Finally, she gave her seal of approval, and the haggling began. Prices would be bandied about until the end of this dance when Dad would always pay the original price. Grumbling all the way home that the \$5 he paid was too high. "It was for a good cause," Mom would remind him.

Year after year at tree-buying time, Dad would grumble about the rising costs of Christmas trees. That issue would be resolved by our move to Mattapoisett by cutting a tree ourselves in the woods behind my

Grandmother's house on Cathaway Lane. This way he knew it would be fresh *and* free.

With Dad's trusty crosscut saw, we would search for just the right evergreen, drag it back to his old Studebaker, tie it on the roof and bring it home for Mom's certain approval. More often than not there would be bare spots on the tree. Dad would drill holes in the trunk and, using branches cut off from the bottom, fill in the spaces. This would eventually meet Mom's approval, and all would be right in our world.

After my marriage, we went back to buying perfectly shaped trees off the lot ... no traipsing through the woods for me ... until the cost reached \$40 or \$50, then we decided to buy an artificial tree ... for \$150! "But it will last for years," my wife said.

Setting up the tree waits for a week or so after Thanksgiving. When we finally got it down from the attic after retrieving the missus' enormous collection of nutcrackers, we discovered it was old and worn out ... as are we. The three hours it took unpacking it from its gigantic storage bag, which barely fit through the attic door, placing the branches one at a time into the trunk and

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and events sent right to your email.

On the Cover: The Town of Rochester celebrated a large, postpandemic gathering outside Town Hall shortly after sunset on Monday for its annual Christmas tree lighting. Select Board members Woody Hartley, Brad Morse and Paul Ciaburri joined the crowd, along with appearances by Santa Claus and the Grinch. Photo by Ryan Feeney

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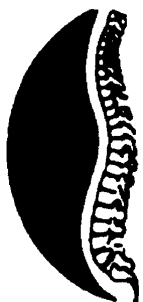


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Merry Christmas!

Editor's note: Mattapoissett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on" Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Choose to Love

The Poet's Corner

By Hope Bradley Finley

Positive thoughts,
Feelings and words,
Bring positive results
We have heard.

Negative thoughts,
Feelings and words,
Bring negative results.

It is true that more negativity
Will happen to you,
So why not be upbeat and light
And be happy in doing what's right.
A kind word may go a long way
To brighten another person's day.

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And then try to think of some more.
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Editor's Note: Hope Bradley Finley is a 95-year-old Mattapoisett resident who, despite the loss of eyesight and hearing, has continued in her pastime of writing poems and essays. The Wanderer is happy to share them with our readers.

Natural History Museum Makes a Great Gift By George B. Emmons

When Marion was still a small town in 1860, many people living there were very well traveled and brought back exotic species of the natural world. Elizabeth Taber, at the age of 81 years, decided to put some culture into her native village. She bought a 10-acre tract of land to house a library on the first floor and the Natural History Museum on the second floor. There, they both still stand to this very day on Spring Street as a monumental credit to her formative vision into the future of Marion.

Elizabeth Leidhold has been the cultural director there for 32 years and in my illustration has brought a wide variety of wildlife into public awareness of the museum's activities. There is also a Board of Directors

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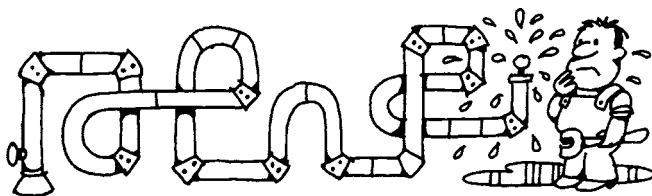
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that is elected annually. The board has been the backbone of the museum's reputation as a thoroughly complete variety of earthly creatures as well as those living under the sea like the White Sharks.

At the start of each program year, the museum has a wide variety of daytime community programs, including children's after-school activities at \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Advance registration is required to attend the week-long, half-day schedule for Grades 3-5 to explore our rocky intertidal shorelines, salt marshes, swamps, freshwater riverbanks, ponds and bogs. Children can take a good look at a variety of birds and amphibians that change daily. Both parents and children are required to be in compliance with health and safety regulations.

Museum membership is offered on several tiers, including Explorer for \$25, Family \$60, Supporter \$100, Sustainer \$250, Individual/Corporate Sponsor \$500 and Angel Supporter \$1,000. The museum also accepts donations.

Free community senior programs are held at the museum on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and dedicated to nature illustration using natural items such as a leaf, a shell, or an insect. These activities can be done in the comfort of one's own home. Community programs, including the January 18 event on fisheries and whales, along with the February 15 Winter Walk at Washburn are also free.

Museum collections and images are made available at marionmuseum.org to get a clear, three-dimensional view of each item. To be helpful, the director will suggest using different objects throughout the course, and the artist can be sure to be satisfied with individual assistance.

At this location on Buzzards Bay, many species of birds are constantly migrating through in search of a perfect nesting place that also has a supply of food. One of the most interesting is the Roseate Tern, a federally-endangered species that makes its home every year on the Bird Island Lighthouse property where the Marion town volunteers build and supply hundreds of wooden nesting boxes to protect hatching young from predators.

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To become a member of the museum, call 508-748-2098 on Wednesday between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm or on Friday between 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm. This might be the time to invite other friends or family as a Christmas present. It could give them entertaining insight into the wonderful world of natural history.



Holy Ghost Grounds Committee Planned

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

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major discussion topic when the Mattapoisett Select Board met on Tuesday night. After hearing from voters at the Spring Special Town Meeting that planning was overdue on the 8-acre parcel located off Park Street, the board delved into which goes first: a plan or a public meeting to collect public feedback on uses for the town-owned property.

There was considerable exchange over who should serve on a committee that will be charged with investigating the lay of the land to ascertain what type of modifications can be done, including ideas on best uses such as playgrounds, ball fields, a dog park, or bike path, to name a few.

The board ultimately concurred that development



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of a committee should come first and that the makeup of that committee should include a member of the Planning Board, Recreation Department, Capital Planning, someone with interest and/or knowledge regarding Fremon Bauer's proposed dog-park project, and a person 55 or older and recommended by the Council on Aging. Once the committee is established, the Select Board will then select two more committee members from the pool of letters of interest received from residents.

The board also thought that ad-hoc members of the committee would be needed, drawing from members of the Highway Department, Police Department, Finance Committee and Administrator's office.

Bonne DeSousa, a former Open Space committee member (a committee currently not active) asked, as she had on the previous evening at the town's Planning Board meeting, if a public information meeting could be arranged so that residents could voice their opinions and learn more about the property. But Select Board member Jordan Collyer thinks putting a committee in place first is necessary.

Tyler Macallister, chairman of the Select Board, thinks the committee could develop a survey for gathering public input on uses for the parcel. Collyer said that public outreach will be a big part of the process but that discussions should be focused for the best use of everyone's time and talent.

In discussing possible uses, Town Administrator Mike Lorencio said that a full study of the property has not taken place but that it has water, a sewer stub, and the structure on the property has had roof repairs.

Anyone interested in being considered as a committee member should send a letter of interest to Lorencio at Town Hall.

Earlier in the meeting, the Select Board met with Kathleen Costello, administrator of Assessing, to set the 2023 tax classification. Costello reported that the total real and personal property assessed value for FY23 is \$2,392,712,342, an increase of 13% over FY22. The average single-family home's assessed value now stands at \$658,604, a 14% increase over FY22.

Costello's report further stated that single-family

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The Select Board voted to stay with a single tax classification versus one for residential and one for commercial. "Only 6% is commercial," Costello pointed out of all taxes collected.

Costello previously informed the Board of Assessors that she would be retiring. Chairman of the Board of Assessors Ray Andrews publicly thanked Costello for her 11 years of dedicated service to the town.

Collyer said, "Your candor has always been appreciated, you are best in class." Macallister echoed those sentiments, saying, "It was always a pleasure to go into your office."

Costello responded, "It's been my honor." She thanked her staff for their work as well as the Board of Assessors. A search for her replacement has been underway by the Board of Assessors, Lorenzo said, noting that Costello may stay on as a consultant during the transition after her December 16 departure date.

In other business, the Select Board approved and signed numerous licenses for 2023, running the gamut of restaurants to automobile dealers. They also voted to appoint Jan Brodie as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals and agreed that Select Board member Jodi Bauer

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Lorenzo said that he has been researching the charge (responsibilities and expectations) for the Tree Committee but as of yet had not found such a document. He said he would continue to try and locate the charge; barring that he said the board could write one.

In a Right to First Refusal vote, the Select Board voted to not exercise that right on parcels totaling approximately 25 acres on Assessors Map 21, Lot 7, and Map 21, Lot 40. They voted to approve the installation of two new utility poles at 113 North Street, an application filed by Eversource. They also approved a request by the Mobil Station, 37 County Road, for an amendment to the



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Under News and Announcements, Lorenzo reported that a joint meeting will be held with the Marine Advisory Board on Tuesday, December 20, at 5:30 pm to discuss design options for repairs and improvements for Long Wharf.

And, last but not least, Lorenzo invited one and all to the Holiday in the Park on Saturday, December 10, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, with a tree lighting, local food tastings, music and Santa.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, at 5:30 pm.

Turnover in Building Department

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Town of Rochester's building commissioner for only eight months has resigned, but he has already been replaced.

On Monday night, the Select Board announced that Carl Bizarro, who was appointed as building commissioner in March, handed in his letter of resignation on November 29, stating he will be resigning effective December 18. The board's next motion was to appoint his replacement, Paul Boucher, who is currently the building commissioner in Carver.

Before that vote, Town Administrator Glen Cannon noted Boucher was the second choice for the job when Bizarro was hired. Now it is Boucher's turn to get the job because "it didn't turn out to be a fit for Bizarro," Cannon said.

Cannon added that Bizarro was resigning to take another job in another town. He said the story was the same for the Building Department's Administrative Assistant Patrice Braz, whose resignation the Select Board also announced Monday night, effective December 18. She, too, is leaving to accept another position, in the private sector.

It is merely a coincidence of timing that the department is losing two of its personnel at the same time, Cannon said. Braz has served as the department's administrative assistant for the past 12 years.

The board began its meeting by appropriating the funds to place two pickleball courts at the Dexter Lane ball fields.

Park Commissioner David Hughes said he has learned it would cost \$3,100 to mark two Dexter Lane basketball courts for pickleball and acquire the pickleball nets that would be kept in a storage box between uses.

Hughes said the commission budget does not have that kind of money but that the town could take the money out of beach-sticker revenues. "I was hoping you could do something about this tonight," he said. "I have to let the contractor know tomorrow."

The selectmen approved the appropriation but not before making sure enough money was available.

Select Board member Brad Morse said he was in favor of the plan but had questions about the money in that part of the budget. Cannon said the account is currently healthy at \$50,500, but other draws on that money would actually put the account in an \$8,000 hole.

Morse hinted the town's Reserve Account would again make up for that loss. He motioned to approve the expense, and the other members, Chairman Woody Hartley and Paul Ciaburri, swiftly agreed.

The next topic was all about saving the town and residents' money and headaches under newly proposed, state Title 5 septic-installation regulations.

Town Health Director Karen Walega said the Department of Environmental Protection is proposing to require nitrogen-reduction systems even for existing septic systems. This new regulation, she said, would require expensive system upgrades or require the town to apply for a Watershed Area designation permit.

The latter would give the town 20 years to see where the water-polluting nitrogen is coming from, she said. Meanwhile, even the elderly and homeowners on fixed incomes would have to pay \$16,000 to \$22,000 above their other septic-system costs for a new mechanical system.

The state-proposed system has only "provisional" approval from the DEP, Walega said. Yet the DEP is speeding through the new regulation's approval process; the current comment period deadline for these new



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regulations is early December. The town, she said, needs to request the state slow down with that process until more information can be gathered.

Hartley said Walega was right that "this is not the time of the year to do this. It's as if they are just trying to push this through."

The Select Board unanimously agreed to request "slowing the process" through letters and telephone calls to Representative William Straus and Senator Michael Rodrigues.

Ciaburri said he knows an acquaintance in Virginia who is using one of the new mechanical systems. "They don't work," Ciaburri noted. "He's constantly pumping out his system."

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Walega noted these mechanical systems are different than the gravity systems Rochester residents use. "They use electricity all the time. (The) electric bill will go up too."

The Town of Marion wrote a new bylaw earlier this year, requiring denitrification technology in any new septic installations or upgrades, but variances have been voted to multiple applicants. Recent denitrification systems approved by Marion's Board of Health have been conditioned with a commitment in writing to engage in a prescribed maintenance and recordkeeping program.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, December 19, at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, also remotely accessible live via Zoom.

DeSousa Pitches Committee Revival

Mattapoissett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

During the December 5 meeting of the Mattapoissett Planning Board, former member of the town's long-defunct Open Space and Recreation Committee Bonne DeSousa raised the need for a committee to develop plans for the use of the former Holy Ghost grounds off Park Street.

DeSousa noted that during the Fall Special Town Meeting, questions were raised when Article 8 came up. The article asked the voters to approve \$150,000 for restrooms at the structure situated on the town-owned

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property.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo conferred with Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School, which ultimately agreed to do the carpentry work. He said at the time that if Mattapoisett could not commit to a schedule, the students would be assigned to another project, possibly terminating Mattapoisett's opportunity for a cost-effective way to get the work done.

Finance Committee member Colleen Trahan lodged a "nay" for Article 8 when the warrant was being discussed during the committee's meeting leading up to Town Meeting. Her reasoning was straightforward, a plan for the property was needed before money should be spent on improvements. The majority of voters at Town Meeting thought otherwise. Article 8 passed 41 yes to 18 no.

On Monday, DeSousa urged the Planning Board's involvement in possibly developing a committee that would report to Town Meeting in the spring. She also pointed out that the town has not had an Open Space and Recreation Committee since 2016. In the absence of such an entity, DeSousa said the town cannot develop plans, and in the absence of a committee and a fully vetted plan, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation grants cannot be sought.

Planning Board member John Mathieu said the Select Board is the body that should convene a committee, and in his opinion, "The town shouldn't own property except for recreation."

The Select Board's December 6 agenda lists discussion of the Holy Ghost grounds.

In other business, the board approved the Form A request submitted by Next Grid Solar for the creation of three lots on Bowman Road. Before ending their discussion on the application, member Karen Field pointed out that the solar array on Bowman Road owned by Next Grid was "not tidy." Rich Riccio of Field Engineering, representing Next Grid, said, "I don't have anything at all to do with that project, but I'll pass along the information to the owners."

David Andrews of the Bay Club came forward to share that letters from the Mattapoisett Highway Department and the Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Department indicate no issues with roadways now ready for paving. There was some discussion as to whether it was prudent to pave roads with winter bearing down. Andrew will return to the board on December 19 to confirm the Bay Club's decision to either finish paving now or ask for an extension and pave in the spring.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, December 19, at 7:00 pm.

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By Michael J. DeCicco

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Commission will be visiting 32 Gerrish Road on Saturday, December 17, to see for themselves if a plan to build a single-family home, patio and landscape wall within a wetlands buffer zone there requires a Notice of Intent application.

Brian Grady of G.A.F. Engineering, representing property owners Kevin Crimmi and Christine Gagnon, said the wetlands in question are an old resource area that was a cranberry bog but is now "naturalizing." He noted the parcel was once a tree farm that at one point was owned by Conservation Commission member Ben Bailey, who had already recused himself from commission participation during the public hearing.

Grady said the portion of the work closest to the wetlands will be a landscape wall and erosion controls.

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly asked how far the landscape wall would be from the wetlands. Grady responded that the wall will be approximately 60 feet away and 6 feet high.

Conservation Commission Chairman Christopher Gerrior noted the buffer zone is not being marked or delineated in any concrete way. Grady responded he would be willing to discuss doing this as the plan develops.

That left only one question for Gerrior to ask: When would an on-site visit be most convenient for both the commission members and the petitioners? The two sides settled on Saturday, December 17, at 8:00 am, and

the commission voted to continue the public hearing to Tuesday, December 20.

In other action, the commission also continued until December 20 its hearing into the Notice of Intent application filed by Jon Roth at 119 Dexter Lane. Roth's plan is to clear the land he owns that is overgrown with invasive plant species so his horses and cattle can graze there.

Kelly reported that the town is still waiting for correspondence from the state; the Natural Heritage Foundation needs to approve the plan because the area is a designated priority habitat.

The commission set its next public meeting for Tuesday, December 20, at 7:00 pm in the library at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School, 476 North Avenue. The meeting is also accessible live via Zoom.

Subdivision Plan Nearing Approval

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

It took substantial discussion, but the Marion Planning Board voted on Monday night to continue the public hearing on a two-lot definitive subdivision plan filed by Danielle Realty Trust, Wareham Street, with the confidence that a conditioned approval will be forthcoming on December 19.

According to project representative Bob Rogers of G.A.F. Engineering, the only substantive change to the site plan as of December 5 was an increase in the pavement rift around the cul-de-sac, expanding the width of the pavement from 18 feet to 22 feet.

Rogers told the board he received an email from Fire Chief Brian Jackvony stating that the applicant's revised site plan was reviewed and that Marion's ladder truck would be able to enter and exit without restriction.

Test pits were also added on the hill on the property and displayed on the site map, and more could be added based on need or desire.

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Planning Board member Andrew Daniel posed



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the question as to snow potentially clogging the "beehive" at the front side of the cul-de-sac as opposed to the center or the rear. "Because all the snow from Danielle Drive is going to be pushed into that first," he said.

Daniel, the Facilities manager for the Town of Rochester, explained that a snowplow would clear the straightaway first, pushing the lion's share of snow at the front of the cul-de-sac, leaving the rear with the least amount of snow.

Rogers acknowledged that the center catch basin can be moved 5 or 6 feet toward the center of the cul-de-sac but maintained that plowing would tend to push to the right side and not push snow directly at the front of the island as Daniel suggested.

"It's not really a beehive; it is a standard catch basin," said Rogers.

Daniel insisted a storm could result in an 8- to 10-foot pile of snow at the center of the cul-de-sac and stuck to his suggestion that the center basin be moved 5 feet backward toward the center or even the rear of the cul-de-sac.

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee asked if relocation of the catch basin poses ramifications for access for maintenance purposes. Rogers said no and agreed with board member Eileen Marum that the two homeowners would be responsible for the maintenance of the road.

Marum talked about increased rainfall due to climate change. Rogers said the systems being proposed are designed for 100-year storms.

When the floor was opened to comment from outside the board or town staff, self-recused Planning Board member Chris Collings, 13 River Road, identified himself as an abutter and asked if a marking at the downslope property line on the site plan is a vegetative barrier.

Rogers identified the marking in question as a tree line vertical and a no-disturb line horizontal below. Collings suggested the board request such a barrier to give abutters "the privacy they want."

Daniel asked if the board faces liability charges should the plan prove damaging to the abutters.

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going across the road," said Rogers, but he did state that maintenance is an issue for the two drains on River Road at the bottom of the swale. Failure of those drains could impact the area, he acknowledged.

"We are used to screening solar farms from residential areas, screening a single-family house from another single-family house. That works both ways," said Rogers.

Referencing the covenant he filled out and submitted to the town, Rogers said that before the board's December 19 meeting, he would revise the site plan to move the catch basin in the middle of the cul-de-sac. "My expectation is that we'll be drafting a decision with conditions for the board's review," he said.

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As Daniel proposed tweaks along the tree line, board member Tucker Burr sought clarification on the drainage network. Rogers explained the catch basins on the perimeter of the cul-de-sac move the runoff to what begins as a 12-inch pipe that finds a low point near the beginning of River Road.

Citing that the board was moving toward approval of the project, Guey-Lee recommended any substantive issues "be brought to bear now rather than later." He said he would like the board to be talking at its next meeting with a draft decision in hand.

Rogers said the waiver requests have not changed since being submitted.

Regarding the covenant being reviewed by the board, Guey-Lee asked how the median in the case of a private way is split up between the two prospective property owners. "I'm just wondering who would mow it, etc.," he said. Rogers explained that both owners would be responsible for the common land.

Hills indicated that Rogers can expect a decision to be written for the board's review, and the members voted to continue the case to December 19 at 7:05 pm.

In other business, Marum volunteered to produce an initial draft of the board's annual report due February 1, 2023.

The board voted to approve a 2023 meeting schedule that due to holidays falling on Mondays will include six Tuesday meetings.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, December 19, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station, also accessible via Zoom.

Sober Outlook amidst Transfer of Power

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Mick Colageo

The momentum felt earlier this year by the Town of Marion in its quest for a new harbormaster's headquarters facility has been obscured by a dark cloud of doubt.

In introducing initial budget projections for FY24, Harbormaster Isaac Perry told the Marine Resources Commission during its November 21 public meeting that he had yet to hear back from the state's Seaport Economic Council, the agency that granted the town \$1,000,000 on top of \$300,000 for its design and construction of the new Marine Center at Island Wharf.

Months ago, then-Town Administrator Jay McGrail began prefacing any comments on the final \$1,000,000 grant applied for as being subject to change amidst concern for the potential dissolution of the SEC when Governor Baker leaves office.

Without that final grant, the town would need to raise \$1,000,000 via other means in order to build the harbormaster's new headquarters as designed, revised and approved by a 2022 Town Meeting vote.

"And they don't have any meetings scheduled," said Perry. "They haven't kept to their timeline in the past, so this isn't out of sorts for them, especially with this current administration on its way out. But we're still waiting to hear yay or nay on that before we take the next steps toward securing another grant. As you all know, we still need \$1,000,000 to get this project up and running."

Perry's opening remark only introduced his discussion on the FY24 budget he will need to submit by the end of December.

He told the MRC that he and Deputy Harbormaster and Shellfish Officer Adam Murphy had been away for two weeks prior to the meeting to engage in police-reform training.

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said staff (including Perry, Murphy and Assistant Harbormaster Dave Wilson) will see a 2% wage increase for FY24.

Perry said the town made an error in placing Murphy into the town's employee policy for FY23, and the result was a \$12,800 expenditure in overtime. Perry said the \$12,000 estimation would see a \$1,000 bump in the FY24 budget.

Longevity increases estimated to be worth approximately \$200 in annual salary will not affect FY24, but in FY25 Perry said he will go over the 20-year mark and Murphy over the 10-year mark.

Perry explained that the FY24 budget will become subject to recommendation from the Finance Committee and the Select Board and be voted upon at the Annual Town Meeting to be held most likely in May 2023.

The most drastic operational increase in the Harbormaster Department for FY24 is boat maintenance. Perry reminded the commission that he had bumped that figure up to \$10,000 for the current fiscal year but has already exceeded that mark, so he plans to bump it again for FY24 to \$15,000.

Beyond that, most of the department's operational costs will remain the same for FY24.

"I don't see any changes at this point. The police reform is the elephant in the room," said Perry, indicating that full-time wages could be impacted but not through his department's budget, rather the Police Department's budget.

Overall, he projects a 3.6% increase in the FY24 operating budget.

Capital projects such as the hydraulic trailer are at least for now not feasible, given the town has no maintenance facility.

"What's going on with the Maritime Center, are we going to take over the old DPW? Again, those things are probably going to take a few years to shake out here," said Perry. "We kind of backed off on a lot of the stuff that we were working towards."

Asked if he projects revenues, Perry said no, the department relies on the recent past because revenues tend not to vary beyond \$10,000 annually. Off the top of his head, Perry estimated \$468,000 in annual revenue for FY22.

MRC Chairman Vin Malkoski suggested the indicators are somewhat in place, but Perry said he has been told the "indirects" (revenue sources not directly controlled by the department) are going to be rolled back for FY23.

MRC member Scott Cowell asked about the progress with the new Department of Public Works facility and how that might positively impact the timeline for getting the harbormaster's boats under shelter at the old facility on Route 6.

Perry said stress cracks are typical, but the cabin in the patrol boat is beginning to separate from the hull. "That gets exponentially worse for a foam-core boat when

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you leave it outside for the winter, but we just don't have an option at this point," he said.

Cowell said he would like to see the line item for shellfish increase for FY24. Perry said office space is always a challenge, but the space for storage of shellfish cages has become "incredibly problematic."

"We find ourselves getting rid of more and more stuff that we typically would have held onto just because of space," said Perry. "We're kind of homeless when it comes to the maintenance side of things for the next couple of years, I would guess."

Radio equipment, he said, will be funded through the Police Department, which is looking to switch over to digital technology.



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Wilson provided the Harbor Management update, telling the commission members that the season equipment including floats, channel markers, moorings and the patrol and pump-out boats, was removed from the water on November 1 and put through prescribed maintenance routines. The barge was due to be removed the day after the meeting.

The pump-out boat is up to 1,700 hours and is running well, but Perry said the unavailability of parts is preventing an upgrade that has been fully funded.

Perry publicly thanked Andrew Miller for his time helping the Harbormaster Department. Miller took a job opportunity out of the area.

The Marion Marine Resources Commission set its next meeting for Monday, January 23, at 7:00 pm, at the Music Hall.

CIPC Seeking More Info from ORR

Marion Capital Improvements Planning Committee

By Mick Colageo

Before the Marion Capital Improvements Planning Committee can confidently sink its collective teeth into capital requests being made by the Old Rochester Regional School District, it has requested greater detail to facilitate its own process.

In interviewing various municipal department heads, the CIPC takes in annual capital requests, each at least \$10,000 in cost and with a minimum of five years of "useful life." From there, the committee studies each proposal and prepares an evaluation, ultimately offering the Finance Committee and the Select Board a comprehensive ranking of department-submitted projects relative to Fiscal Year 2023 and on a 10-year outlook.

Many factors are taken into the CIPC's consideration for such a ranking, including alternative funding sources, the likelihood of bureaucratic obstacles, logistical constraints, the sustainability of the investment in a project, etc.

On November 30, ORR Facilities Director Gene Jones met with the CIPC via Zoom to outline the school district's capital requests. Dividing ORR's capital requests into Sippican Elementary School and ORR Senior/Junior high schools, Jones presented several needs for the CIPC's consumption.

CIPC Chairman Paul Naiman noted that for purposes of the committee's consumption, all of the school department's requests are going to come out of general fund.

Sippican Elementary School's roof-top HVAC units have been servicing the building for 21 years, according to Jones, who said it's time for units to be decommissioned and/or overhauled. He targeted the 2024-25 academic year, estimating it will cost \$50,000 "to go through and refurbish them."

Jones categorized the roof-top units as a safety and air-quality measure, providing a safe environment

that extends to Marion's senior citizens who use the building. There are four units, so Jones recommended dealing with one per year, stating that the units will "go beyond 10 years." The curbs, he said, "are all good" and the rooftop units "solid." The building dates back to 1937, but the units are setting well, according to Jones. Now, he says, it's time to refurbish the compressors and motors.

Naiman asked Jones to go back to his application paperwork and fill in the information discussed, along with that which emanated from the questions posed by CIPC members.

Other requests relating to Sippican Elementary included \$25,000 for tile flooring to cover all first-grade rooms. Jones noted that because of COVID-19, there remains \$50,000 funded from prior years. "It's like painting the bridge, we continue on and finish it," he said.

The nitrogen seals in eight of Sippican's windows have failed and will need \$20,000 to repair. According to Jones, this requires window replacement. The windows, located in the cafeteria and on the wing by the tennis courts, have been in place since the 2000-01 school year.

Sippican's furnishings have not been changed since 2001. "Some of the teachers have duct tape on their (chair's) arms. This has come to a point where it's that time," said Jones, estimating \$36,000 to repair. An inventory of what is deemed usable is estimated at \$12,000. "We have to address this because no one does," he said.

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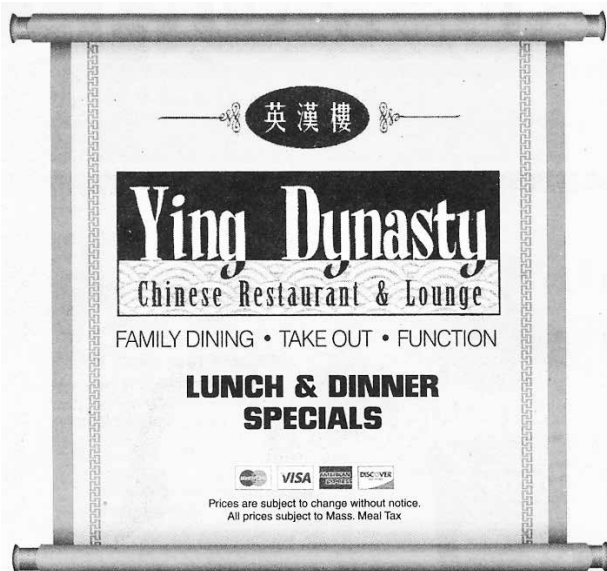
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Sippican is also looking to upgrade wifi extenders and switches. When the school building needs to function as an emergency shelter, people gather for heat but also charge their phones and get their devices online. MCAS testing is also a factor, Jones explained. So are worn devices that Sippican School's access point senses, affecting bandwidth.

Jones also classified this as a safety issue. "If we don't have it, there's no communications from the school to the first responders ... other than phone. ... It's our whole backbone," he said.

ORR is also requesting flooring, asphalt repair and a new boiler.

The \$35,000 requested in asphalt repair would



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address approximately 300 feet of “crocodiling” between the junior and senior high school backside entrances. The work would be a continuation of what was done last year, although Jones said that there was no money allocated last year for the asphalt repair.

Jones said nothing passed from the district, except the track rehab via its new capital-stabilization fund. ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson told the CIPC that ORR always shares its 10-year capital plan with the Marion Planning Board.

CIPC members Casimiro Barros and David Janik helped clarify the request with their questions.

Jones told the CIPC that ORR’s Hawk Boiler “was already obsolete” in 2000 due to its combustion controls. “I want to go to Johnson controls (fully automated),” he said, noting that Sippican is under the new Johnson control system. The committee asked Jones to buttress the request by including an estimate of savings.

It still has flooring from 1961; it was not replaced in the school building’s major renovation. Jones estimates that depending on the sub-floor conditions, a \$25,000 expense could upgrade five rooms and a hallway. He said ORR’s hallways are much wider than the elementary school’s.

Jones told Naiman that the high school has been tested for asbestos and there is none in the building.

Barros suggested Jones use the requested revisions to buttress his presentations to the towns of

Mattapoisett and Rochester.

Sippican School’s 10-year capital plan extends the requests made relative to FY23 and adds some significant ones, such as \$300,000 for Sippican’s phased-roof-section replacement, to be spread over five years (\$60,000 annually) from FY28 to FY32.

That project will begin with the completion of a \$200,000 request to refurbish rooftop units (\$50,000 per year from FY24 to FY27.)

Installing Glycol (anti-freeze) into Sippican’s HVAC system is a one-shot deal for \$120,000 slated for FY25.

A 20-year update targeting FY33 will be needed on equipment to upgrade the front-side playground at \$115,000.

Sippican’s flooring replacement will cost \$100,000 on a 10-year basis, split four times over a seven-year period beginning in FY24.

Furniture at \$84,000 would be split at \$36,000, \$36,000 and \$12,000 over the next three fiscal years. The repair of the cupola is slated for FY25 at \$68,000. CIPC members are interested to see if Marion can address the cupola internally or with assistance from Upper Cape Tech.

Other items include: \$60,000 in tech upgrades to be spread at \$20,000 annually over the next three fiscal years, \$35,000 for the refurbishing of Sippican’s chiller compressors in FY25, \$25,000 for public address and clock-system replacement in FY26 and \$20,000 for the eight window seals in FY24.

Marion’s portion of ORR’s 10-year capital plan calls for \$250,000 for floor-tile replacement, spread annually at \$25,000 for the next 10 years and the building’s furniture replacement will be similarly spread (\$96,000 over eight years from FY26 to FY33.)

An irrigation system for athletic fields at \$114,000 will be spread over FY25 (\$38,000) and FY26 (\$58,000.) Road and parking-lot repair (asphalt) is proposed at \$70,000 even divided over the next two fiscal years.

Other ORR requests include: \$32,000 for the tech room (FY25), \$32,000 for foodservice equipment replacement (to be divided evenly in FY27 and FY29),



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\$26,000 for an update to the boiler-combustion control (FY24), \$24,000 for ground maintenance equipment; \$20,000 for tennis-court rehab and \$15,000 for replacement of the district's truck.

The next public meeting of the Marion CIPC is a remote-access meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 pm, when the committee will hear capital requests from the Department of Public Works.

MCAS Results Reflect Well on ORR

Rochester School Committee

By Jack MC Staier

The November 17 meeting of the Rochester School Committee was a straightforward and streamlined one, mostly spent covering recent MCAS test results and how the Old Rochester Regional School District measures up to the state. As with other recent committee meetings, it was announced at the beginning that there would be no open public comment section due to recent concerns over safety.

The meat of the meeting was taken up by Principal Derek Medeiros' presentation regarding the results of the most recent MCAS tests.

"The MCAS is not new to us, but we do know that the last two and a half years of school have not been typical," said Medeiros.

The committee noted that the Covid pandemic made a large impact on recent MCAS scores compared to prepandemic times, but that the overall comparison to scores across Massachusetts still indicates the ORR District's commitment to excellence.

"The good news and what the committee will hear tonight is that our students and their families should be proud of the MCAS results produced here at Rochester Memorial School. Although MCAS is one of the many pieces of information to help inform the teaching and learning experiences of our students, we can use this information to assess areas of strengths and also opportunities for our students," said Medeiros. "Tonight, you're going to hear many of those strengths that our data shows and more importantly, some action steps on how our team plans to move forward. From a big-picture

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8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With...
9:30 AM Arts Alive
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Auto Sense
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Marion Halloween Parade
11:46 AM Mattapoissett Halloween Parade
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society
Oral History - Robert Pina
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Marion COA Informational Session
4:30 PM Mattapoissett Cranberry Coast Concert
5:30 PM Marion Halloween Parade
5:46 PM Mattapoissett Halloween Parade
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday December 9, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with

Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society
Speaker Series - Dr. Michael Moore
5:46 PM Mattapoissett Halloween Parade
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
7:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday December 10, 2022

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Recovery Recreation TV
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
12:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society
Oral History - Robert Pina
3:30 PM Paltrowitz
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy
5:30 PM For Art's Sake
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Portuguese History
8:00 PM Mattapoissett Veterans Day Ceremony
8:16 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
8:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:00 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday December 11, 2022

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:30 AM Armchair QB
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Joan Thacher
2:30 PM Concerts in the Park
4:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
5:00 PM The World Fusion Show
5:30 PM In the Toy Box
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
8:30 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony
10:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday December 12, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony
5:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Plastic Pollution
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Mattapoissett Veterans Day Ceremony

7:00 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
7:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday December 13, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM The Non-Profit World
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame Ceremony
4:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Building the Future
5:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Plastic Pollution
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Mattapoissett Veterans Day Ceremony
7:00 PM Marion Mattapoissett Veterans Day Ceremony
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday December 14, 2022

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoissett

Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Auto Sense
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Portuguese History
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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11:00 AM Marion Finance Committee
12:00 PM Marion Board of Health
1:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
2:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee
2:30 PM Marion School Committee
4:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
4:30 PM ORR School Committee
7:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 PM Marion Planning Board
9:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
11:30 PM Marion Finance Committee

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12:30 PM Rochester School Committee
2:00 PM Joint School Committee
2:30 PM ORR School Committee
5:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
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10:30 PM Rochester School Committee

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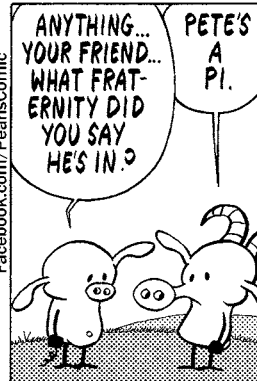
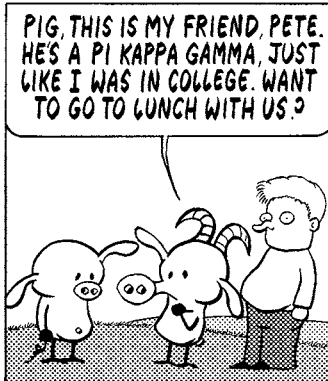
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7:30 AM Old Hammondtown School Graduation
9:00 AM Center School Tribute to Principal Rose Bowman
10:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee
10:30 AM Tri-Town Against Racism
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
2:00 PM ORR Music Education
4:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball bs
Tri-Town Police
5:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dennis Yarmouth
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Old Colony Robotics Competition 2019
8:00 PM Old Colony Volleyball vs Norfolk Aggie
9:30 PM Old Colony Girls Soccer vs Bristol Plymouth
11:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Bedford

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standpoint, we will use this data to help inform future academic programming and needs in conjunction with all available data points for MCAS.

Medeiros reminded the gathered members that 2022-23 is the first normal year of school for Rochester's third-grade students.

"We know that there's been learning loss, and we've done a lot here in our district that we're very proud of to help our students close those gaps. But you'll see throughout this presentation that our students are performing above the state in almost every category. So we're very proud of that," said Medeiros, who pointed out consistently higher percentages of students performing at or above the expected level compared to



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the state. "And then again, the average scale score of 498 for our students, like I mentioned, right, they are so close to that 500 average scale score, as we're typically seeing, but (it's) 493 for the state."

In his financial report, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber told the committee that the annual budget maintains its course. He said meal participation continues to grow, as simultaneous, nationwide supply-chain issues continue to disrupt and impact the food program. ORR School Nurse Beth Oleson was credited for the training she provides on kitchen first aid, EpiPen use and choke safety.

At the beginning of the meeting, Chairperson Sharon Hartley publicly aligned Rochester's with other

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Inclement weather forced the Mattapoisett Woman's Club to move its Holidays Wreath and Greens Sale indoors, and the club was thrilled that the December 3 event, with the assistance of MWC members Cindy Turse and Sandy Hering, Fire Chief Andy Murray and Town Administrator Mike Lorencio, was able to go on as scheduled in the Old Firehouse on Route 6. Wreaths sold out within the first hour of the sale, with swags, table pieces, box designs and special ornaments, all exquisitely hand-decorated by members of the MWC, soon to follow. Photos courtesy of Ann Tisdale

district school committees that have taken precautions in the wake of threatening conduct at the November 7 Joint School Committee meeting.

"As a result of the threatening, disruptive and disorderly conduct of a few members of the public during the open comments' portion of the Joint School Committee meeting held on Monday, November 7, which forced the abrupt adjournment of that body before the business of that meeting even began, I have made the decision not to allow public comments at tonight's business meeting of the Rochester School Committee," announced Hartley. "A school committee meeting is a meeting at which school committee members must transact portions of their business in public. There is no requirement for public comment. It is entirely at the discretion of the chair.

"Each member of this elected body has been and will continue to be open to hearing or reading public comments from our constituents or any kind of comments from our constituents and our citizens. However, when members of this committee need to be escorted to their vehicles for fear of their physical safety due to the hostile, disorderly conduct from members of the public ... I am forced to prioritize not only for our safety, but also so that we can conduct the business of this body. Is my sincere hope that respectful, civil discourse will soon return to the Tri-Town."

ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson took time towards the end of the meeting to remind those gathered about meeting conduct and regulations, reading directly from the handbook as he did so. Nelson emphasized that respect is a two-way street, and committee members need to treat community members with the same respect they themselves expect and deserve.

The next public meeting of the Rochester School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, at 6:30 pm at Rochester Memorial School and accessible via Zoom.

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MOVIE REVIEW

The Sight and Sound Poll

By Rob Gonsalves
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Every ten years since 1952, the British film magazine *Sight and Sound* has published a list of the ten “greatest films of all time.” The polls are answered traditionally by movie critics (not me), and since 1992 a group of film directors has also been asked to join in. For a long time, Orson Welles’ *Citizen Kane* topped the list — the directors’ list, too — and the rest of the entries were the usual (albeit usually great) suspects: directed by males, often white, often Baby Boomer-designated masterpieces. This year, though, there were some big changes, sending many commentators to their fainting couches. The poll is dead! The young and “woke” have risen up in their throngs and killed it!

What sparked all the fuss is that for the first time, a woman — a lesbian, to boot — took the top spot. Chantal Akerman’s 1975 film *Jeanne Dielman, 23, quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles*, which is three hours and twenty-one minutes long, is in French, and focuses on the daily chores and activities of a Belgian woman (Delphine Seyrig), sounds almost like a parody of an egghead film-snob darling. (I haven’t yet seen it, but I want to, if only to spite the growling dudes who take its ascension so poorly.) The weird thing is, the film gives you what movies are supposed to give. It gives you a story, it gives you (eventually) sex, and it gives you (very eventually) violence. It just does it on a different timetable than usual.

I’m not saying you should see it; I don’t want death threats. This isn’t about *Jeanne Dielman*, it’s about the poll and what it tells us about where we are now. For some, it’s an omen of the cultural takeover of the sinister “wokesters” who want to tell you what you should and shouldn’t like and who, for the most part, exist only in the febrile imaginations of Fox News talking heads and their ilk. These whippersnappers, the logic goes, are guilty of bad faith in elevating a tedious work by a gay woman because it’s politically correct to do so. For others, it signals a shift in priorities and sensibility, and not necessarily in a bad way. It may also mean nothing more troubling than that, until 2010, when Criterion put it out on DVD, a good many people outside Europe had never had a chance to see it at all. Now that it’s also streaming (HBO Max has it, as well as Criterion’s on-demand app), it’s easier than ever to access — though maybe not to sit through.



As far as I could see, none of the grumpy anti-wokesters (asleepsters?) at least cleared their throats, shook off the two-minute hate, and allowed that *some* stuff on the new list furnished us all anew with the will to live. Nope, nothing but ashes and sackcloths over in Asleepster Village. Me, I’m tickled as hell that David Lynch is in the top ten (*Mulholland Drive*, #8). Kubrick’s still on there; Hitchcock, Welles, Ozu too. I also don’t believe lists should exist to gatekeep. Since when is there a boss of culture, demanding that no film can ever be greater than *Citizen Kane*, no album better than *Sgt. Pepper*, ad nauseum? This list in particular gives us some stuff to chew on, some gaps to fill. A long-gone co-worker and friend used to say “Oh, you have a treat in store” if you said you hadn’t yet read or seen something. The list this time offers some potential treats aside from the usual stale Necco wafers of Film 101 vintage.

Also as far as I can see, *Citizen Kane* hasn’t been eradicated by the state or vanished from everyone’s shelf. It’s still there. So are all the earlier lists where it’s #1 or #2. (For the record, it didn’t make the first *Sight and Sound* list in 1952. The king then was *Bicycle Thieves*.) *Jeanne Dielman* may only top the list this one time, and be supplanted in 2032 by, I don’t know, *Caddyshack* or something. And then the usual complainers will complain, and some will say “Hmm. That certainly is a list,” and look into whatever new top-tenners sound interesting. I’ll probably stream *Jeanne Dielman* somewhere down the line, but I wish it were shorter. If they wanted to pick an arrogantly static French art film directed by a woman, couldn’t they have gone with Marguerite Duras’ *The Truck*? It’s peak French art-film — a conversation about a nonexistent movie — but it’s only 80 minutes long. The length, mentioned by every review good or bad, is what makes *Jeanne Dielman* seem like a Mount Everest to be scaled and mastered, not simply to watch and listen to. Maybe people should just pretend they’re binging a three-episode Netflix series.

450,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The poster was selected by Lions Club member Helene Rose and school staff members for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Lead with Compassion."

Mattapoisett Lions Club President Kimberly Ray said she was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Old Hammondtown. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what compassion means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

Mia's poster will advance through the district, multiple district and international levels of competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner," Ray said.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5,000, plus a trip for the winner and two family members to a special award ceremony. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

"Our club is cheering for Mia as her poster advances in the competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world,"

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OBITUARIES



Dorothy V. (Plasewicz) Cass, 99, of Marion died December 1, 2022 at Brandon Woods of Dartmouth.

She was the wife of the late Dr. Walter J. Cass.

Born in Lynn, MA the daughter of the late Walter and Veronica (Bekisz) Plasewicz, she lived in Fall River before moving to Marion in 1973.

She was a communicant of St.

Rita's Church.

Survivors include 3 sons, Walter J. Cass, Jr. and his wife Beverly of Westport Point, MA, Michael C. Cass and his wife Carolyn of West Hartford, CT and David T. Cass and his wife Mary of Westport, MA; a daughter, Mary V. Conlon and her husband Robert of Fairhaven; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held on Monday, December 5th from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, followed by her Funeral Mass at St. Rita's Church. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Sunday, December 4th. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Michael Rocco "Chopper" D'Acci, 79, of Rochester, passed away on Dec. 1, 2022, at Tobey Hospital, Wareham. He was the husband of Carol A. (Kenney) D'Acci and the son of the late Joseph and Bernice (O'Hare) D'Acci.

He was born in Milton and lived in South Weymouth before moving to Rochester 51 years ago. He graduated from Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury and attended St. Mary's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He was a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and a Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. D'Acci worked as a pipefitter for the Plumbers & Pipefitters UA Local 51 in Providence for many years before retiring. Previously he worked for Local 276 in Brockton.

He enjoyed golfing, crossword puzzles and was a fan of all of the New England sports teams. He played and coached men's softball in Middleboro for many years. He was a member of the Middleboro Lodge of Elks.

Survivors include his wife, Carol A. (Kenney) D'Acci; a daughter, Maureen D'Acci and her fiancé, Christopher of Harrisville, RI; a son, Erik D'Acci and his wife Diana of Palmetto, FL; 2 brothers, Joseph D'Acci, Jr. and his wife Lori of Pinehurst, NC and Gary D'Acci of Easton; 2 sisters, Kathleen Ronca of Quincy and Jo-Anne Murphy and her husband Edward of Kingston; 2 grandchildren, Justin D'Acci of Chicago and Juliet D'Acci of Palmetto, FL; 2 sisters-in-law, Linda D'Acci of Rockland and Christine D'Acci of Wareham; many cousins

including Stephen Dalton and his wife Susan of Middleboro. He was the brother of the late John D'Acci.

Visiting hours are from 2 to 4 pm on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

His funeral was held on Monday, December 5, 2022, at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Wareham.

Donations in his memory may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society P.O. Box 22324 New York, NY 10087 or online at lls.org or The Veterans of Foreign Wars P.O. Box 2002, Milford, NH 03055 or online at vfw.org



John T. (Jack) Murphy of Brick, New Jersey passed away on November 22, 2022, at the age of 91. He will eternally join his father, Thomas, his mother, Dorothy (nee Ryan), and sister, Alice as well as other family members and friends.

He takes with him his quick wit, gift of gab and gentle soul.

Jack leaves behind his devoted wife, Deanna, having just shared their 60th wedding anniversary, their sons Brian and Matthew, his wife Maureen, and grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Jack attended Seton Hall University until his enlistment in the Navy and served aboard the USS Caperton during the Korean War.

He began his long and storied career in public relations and customer service with the National Broadcasting Company in New York City in 1955. During his version of retirement, Jack lent his expertise to countless Jersey Shore shoppers as a wine consultant at Spirit of '76 Liquors in Manasquan until the age of 89 and was best known for his beloved "Jack's Picks" wine selections. The family asks that all who benefitted from having known him honor his memory with a toast to him and a wink to the heavens.

Jack lived life on his terms and was a skier of the highest mountains, tickler of the whitest ivories and crooner of the sweetest melodies.

Loved ones and friends are welcome to celebrate his life and reminisce with his family on what would have been Jack's 92nd birthday, Friday, December 16, 2022, at O'Brien's Funeral Home at 2028 NJ-35 Wall Township NJ. Calling hours will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with a memorial service on site, beginning at 12:30 pm. Interment to immediately follow at St. Catherine's Cemetery at 1100 W. Chicago Blvd, Sea Girt NJ.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Jack's name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

To send condolences please visit www.obrienfuneral-home.com.

Ray said.

Locally, Mia and numerous other students were honored for their participation by the Mattapoissett Lions Club on Tuesday, November 22 at Old Hammondtown School.

Mia was awarded a \$100 Barnes & Noble gift card. Second place recipient Paige Mailleaux was awarded a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card and third place was awarded to Morgan Osborne who received a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Members of the Mattapoissett Lions Club wish to thank Mr. Tavares, the wonderful educators at Old Hammondtown School and parents for their continued support of The Peace Poster Contest Project.

View past international grand prize winners at www.lionsclubs.org. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.35 million members in 210 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

New England's Nature: Watercolors and Acrylics

Come to the Mattapoissett Free Public Library from **December 15 to January 14** to see an exhibit of watercolor and acrylic paintings by South Dartmouth artist Peggy Call-Conley. Call-Conley earned her BFA

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OBITUARIES



Grayson Brottmiller, 101 of Sterling, died on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

He was born on April 6, 1921, the son of Frank and Frieda (Siegfried) Brottmiller. He married Lois Ward on April 1, 1950, in Eureka, Illinois.

Grayson earned his Bachelor's degree from Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois, his Master of Science from Northern Illinois University, and his Master of Fine Arts in Pipe Organ Performance from the University of Michigan. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Moline. He held the position of church organist for several local and area Lutheran churches and provided the music for many weddings and choirs. He rang bells for the Salvation Army for many years. He composed music for the pipe organ, painted in watercolors and oils, and was a skilled woodworker and master gardener. He was the principal of Washington Grade School for many years and later of Lincoln Grade School, also in Sterling.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Brottmiller of Sterling; two daughters, Debi Hill of Sterling and Kristina Brottmiller of Quincy, MA; two sons, William (Ruth Griffin) Brottmiller

of Mattapoissett, MA and Robert Brottmiller of Sterling; one sister, Ruth Smalley of Peru, IN; four grandchildren, Daphne (PJ) Perry of Chicago, Molly (Edward Burns) Brottmiller of New York City, Evan (Megan) Hill of Dixon, IL, and Charles (Meghan) Brottmiller of Los Angeles; four great grandchildren, Beatrix Perry, Juniper Perry, Edward Burns, and Lorraine Burns; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Robert Brottmiller, and one sister, Lois Duchrow.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at the McDonald Funeral Home in Rock Falls, 1002 12th Avenue, with Steven Steely officiating. A visitation will take place from 10:00-11:00 am prior to the service at the funeral home. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established to the First Lutheran Church of Moline, the Salvation Army, and PADS.

Condolences may be sent to www.mcdonaldfuneral-homes.com

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Nov 27-Dec 3

- Front St – Suspicious MV
- West River Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – General service
- County Rd – Road hazard
- Village Dr – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Abandoned property
- Front St - EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Gunshots reported
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – General service
- Mill St – MV collision
- Front St – Message delivery
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Abels Way – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Suspicious MV
- Water St – Parking enforcement
- Cottage St – Parking enforcement
- Pleasant St – MV collision
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Crapo St – Smoke investigation
- Cottage St – Found property
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Water St – EMS
- Front St - Fraud

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Nov 27-Dec 3

- Abby Ln – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd - Disturbance
- Brandt Island Rd – Ambulance
- Shaw St – MV lockout
- County Rd – Illegal dumping
- Main St – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – MV crash
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Barstow St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Prince Snow Cir - Notification
- Pine Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – MV lockout
- Brandt Island Rd – MV crash
- Holly Ln – Assist citizen
- Holly Ln – Health/welfare
- Barstow St – Follow up investigation
- Pearl St – 911 abandoned
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- I195 East – MV crash
- Hunters Ln – Follow up
- Oliver's Ln – Domestic disturbance
- North St – MV crash
- Upland Way – Summons service
- Goodspeed Island - Vandalism
- Sparrow Hill Rd – Assist citizen
- Baker Ln – Assist citizen
- Nantucket Dr – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – Ambulance request
- Randall Rd – MV crash

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Nov 27-Dec 3

- Rounseville Rd - Medical
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 call
- Wordell St – Appliance fire
- Braley Hill Rd – Erratic MV
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Benjamin Dr – Medical alarm
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy - Medical
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Kings Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Braley Hill Rd - Medical
- North Ave – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – Firearms licensing
- North Ave – Road hazard
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Detector issue
- New Bedford Rd – Erratic MV/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy – Animal control
- Old Middleboro Rd – Noise
- Dr Braley Rd – Assist other agency
- Middleboro Rd – Civil complaint
- Walnut Plain Rd – Lost animal
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – Follow up
- Mayflower Ln – Erratic MV

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 12: Chicken fajitas, rice & beans, peppers & onions, 6" tortilla, apricots

Tuesday, Dec 13: Beef burgundy, penne pasta, mixed vegetables, multigrain roll, caramel apple pie, diet: fresh fruit

Wednesday, Dec 14: Broccoli & cheese bake, hash browns, escalloped tomatoes, fruit loaf, orange juice

Thursday, Dec 15: Vegetable soup, meatloaf w/mushroom gravy, mashed potato, oatmeal roll, pineapple whip

Friday, Dec 16: Mac n' cheese, tomato Florentine, snowflake roll, Mandarin oranges

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 12: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

Tuesday, Dec 13: Crispy whole grain chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn

Wednesday, Dec 14: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup,

tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Dec 15: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Dec 16: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 12: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

Tuesday, Dec 13: Crispy whole grain chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn

Wednesday, Dec 14: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Dec 15: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Dec 16: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 12: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

Tuesday, Dec 13: Crispy whole grain chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn

Wednesday, Dec 14: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Dec 15: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Dec 16: Appetizer Basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served w/warm marinara sauce, savory green beans

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 12: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

Tuesday, Dec 13: Crispy whole grain chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn

Wednesday, Dec 14: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Dec 15: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Dec 16: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad,

assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 12: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

Tuesday, Dec 13: Crispy whole grain chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn

Wednesday, Dec 14: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Dec 15: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Dec 16: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 12: Teriyaki beef stir fry bowl

Tuesday, Dec 13: Chicken nuggets, fries & bread

Wednesday, Dec 14: Early Release Day: bagel pizza & side salad

Thursday, Dec 15: Turkey club & fries

Friday, Dec 16: Assorted pizza

in Art Education from Southeastern MA University. She found her artistic inspiration early, and a childhood move from Boston to rural Middleboro afforded Peggy solace and adventures in nature. These were reinforced when she arrived in the SouthCoast for college, living in New Bedford and the coastal villages of Dartmouth and Adamsville. She eventually made her home in South Dartmouth and taught art in private and public schools for 35 years. Call-Conley has travelled to the Maine coast annually for art retreats, creating photographs and paintings that reflect her passion for the ocean and rocky coastline. Graduate courses in art developed her desire to pursue fine arts further, especially with watercolor painting. She currently teaches adult watercolor classes at the Dartmouth Grange. Her acrylic and watercolor paintings are in private, local, national and international collections. She has done commissions for private home views and landscapes of sentimental value for patrons. Call-Conley has earned numerous awards in juried exhibitions, including the 2015 and 2016 David Aldrich Award for Excellence in the juried Little Compton Summer Art Show. She is an exhibiting member of the Marion Art Center, Rhode Island Watercolor Society and exhibits annually on The Art Drive Studio Tour in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Call-Conley is a current Gallery Artist at True Grit Art Gallery in Middleboro, Massachusetts.

The library is handicapped accessible, and

programs are free and open to the public.

SLT Holiday Party and Open House

Come celebrate land conservation in Marion and join us for some holiday cheer at Sippican Lands Trust's Holiday Party and Open House on Thursday, **December 8** from 5 to 8 pm at 173 Spring Street in Marion!

Bring a guest and learn more about the work of the Sippican Lands Trust with our volunteers, members, supporters and friends who make land conservation work happen in Marion.

Light refreshments will be served, and parking is available behind 173 Spring Street. The event is free, but registration is preferred, and please send an email to info@sippicanlandstrust.org to register for SLT's Holiday Party and Open House. For more information about this event, call (508) 748-3080 or send an email to info@sippicanlandstrust.org.

We hope to see you at SLT's Holiday Party and Open House on Thursday, December 8 starting at 5 pm.

Help Us End Hunger This Holiday Season

Project 351 ambassadors are hosting a food drive. We want your help in the fight against hunger. Do your part by giving donations of food. Donations of any quantity are greatly appreciated. The drive has already started and will go **until December 12**. We are asking for pop canned goods (cans that don't require a can opener),



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



John Vaughn of St. Anthony's, Mattapoissett, receiving the Marian Medal. Photo by Lisa Hill



A crowd of Rochester citizens, young and old, gathered outside Town Hall late afternoon on Monday for the annual lighting of the town's Christmas tree. The Select Board, scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm, participated in the 5:00 pm activity, while Santa Claus and the Grinch also made triumphant appearances. Photos by Ryan Feeney



Locally-made handcrafts were on display and for sale at the Mattapoissett Museum holiday shop on December 2. Weekend shopping is being offered throughout the month of December at the historic venue. Photo by Marilou Newell



The 39th Annual St. Anthony Christmas Fair was held on December 3 with shoppers eagerly scooping up gifts and homemade sweet treats. In attendance was Santa aka Edward Martens. Photos by Marilou Newell

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cereal, peanut butter, pasta, nonperishables, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, boxes of turkey stuffing, instant potatoes and brownie mix (without nuts.) The drop off locations are Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, Old Rochester Regional High School, Mattapoisett Free Public Library, Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library, and Rochester Memorial School.

Project 351 is a nonprofit youth-led organization promoting community service and leadership. Ambassadors are selected by educators in eighth grade and go through a year of service with many projects. They are then able to join the alumni and continue serving through Project 351. All proceeds from the drive will go to The Good Shepherd Food Pantry. They have partnered with Turning Point this season and are working to help new mothers this holiday season. If you have any questions, please reach out to us through email. Our emails are sashavolkema@oldrochester.org, caitlincollier@oldrochester.org, and mollywronski@oldrochester.org.

Celebrate the Joy of Christmas at the FCCM

The First Congregational Church of Marion welcomes and invites you to celebrate the Christmas Season at the Marion Christmas Stroll and at special holiday services in December!

During the Marion Christmas Stroll on Sunday, **December 11**, join us from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm for holiday fun at the corner of Main and Front Streets. Enjoy delicious home-baked cookies in our festively decorated

courtyard. Warm your hands around a crackling fire pit while making new friends. Have fun creating a seasonal craft with your children or grandchildren.

Step inside the historic Captain's Meeting House to listen to organist Beverly Peduzzi's musical offerings. As an added treat, the Tabor String Ensemble and Wind Ensemble will be performing seasonal music from 4:30 - 5:15 pm. While you enjoy all the outdoor Marion Christmas Stroll activities, be sure to listen to the Christmas music chiming from our historic clock tower.

As an added treat, Penny Pinchers Exchange, the church's thrift store located at 39 Main Street will be open. Discover some Christmas treasures at bargain prices while enjoying some delicious hot cocoa.

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A utility truck carrying a crane broke down on December 1 on Route 195 in Mattapoisett and then fell sideways, temporarily closing the North Street exit ramp and all eastbound traffic between Mattapoisett and Marion. The backup extended to the Route 240 exit in Fairhaven, according to information posted on Facebook by the Mattapoisett Fire Department/EMS. Photos courtesy of Mattapoisett Fire Department/EMS



December 3 was a busy day for members of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church as they held their holiday fair. Tables were laden with handmade jewelry, knitwear, as well as jellies and jams. Photo by Marilou Newell



On November 30, the Marion Natural History Museum's after-school group had a chance to learn about the different types of trees in our area and to look at some equipment used by foresters to help protect our trees. By looking at a tree "cookie," we were able to count the rings to determine its age and learn about the services, the different sections, including the heart wood, sap wood and bark or phloem provides the tree. We looked at how an increment borer is used to determine the age of the tree and where on the tree it is used. Did you know that some trees can live over 4,000 years old but remain relatively small in height? We also discovered why one tree can have vastly different size leaves, depending on where the leaf is growing on the tree. Despite the weather, we managed a quick walk to gather specimens to inspect with magnifiers and learn about indoors. The museum wishes to thank state Forester James Rassman for helping us learn about our local trees. Our next two after-school programs are: dissecting owl pellets and our annual holiday party. To register for upcoming programs, visit marionmuseum.org. Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold



Council Chair Phil Jackson and Mary Jackson enjoy a light lunch and watch bids coming in on silent auction items donated by artists C. Stockbridge, R. Van Inwegen, G. Grosart and more! Christmas music skillfully provided by Elliot Talley. While nearby Tara Rajaniemi sells cross body bags she created. Photo by Jennifer F. Shepley



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In addition to the Stroll, we welcome you to a special Christmas Music Service on Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 am. On Christmas Eve, December 24, rejoice in the true meaning of the season at the 7:00 pm service. After you have gathered around the tree and opened your gifts, come give thanks and joy at the Christmas Sunday service at 10:00 am.

We hope that you will join us at The First Congregational Church of Marion to celebrate this special Christmas season!

Friends of Plumb Library Holiday Pick-A-Prize Fundraiser

Get in the holiday spirit with our Twelve Days of Christmas Friends of Plumb Library Holiday Pick-a-Prize fundraiser! Thanks to many wonderful donors, we have twelve beautiful baskets available for you to try to win from now until **December 10**. There's something for everyone: three baskets just for kids, Dorothy Cox's Chocolate Lovers, Spa Day, Book Lovers, Artist, Pampered Chef, Spirit of Christmas, Friends Market, Miss Lavender and an Artisan Bakery Gingerbread House! Buy 12 tickets for \$10 and select the baskets you'd like to win. Drawing will be held at the end of the Friends Holiday Fair, which is happening Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. All proceeds benefit the Friends of Plumb Library and directly support Library programs, events and projects.

Friends of Plumb Library Holiday Fair

On Saturday, **December 10**, the Friends of Plumb Library will be hosting their annual Holiday Fair from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Activities include the Holiday Pick-A-Prize basket auction and Silent Auction, a bake sale, Rochester Historical Society table and holiday music presented by the Junior Friends/Teen Team flutists (11:00 am - 1:00 pm). A children's craft table will also be available from 10:30 am to noon. Come join us! All proceeds benefit the Friends of Plumb Library and directly support Library programs, events and projects.

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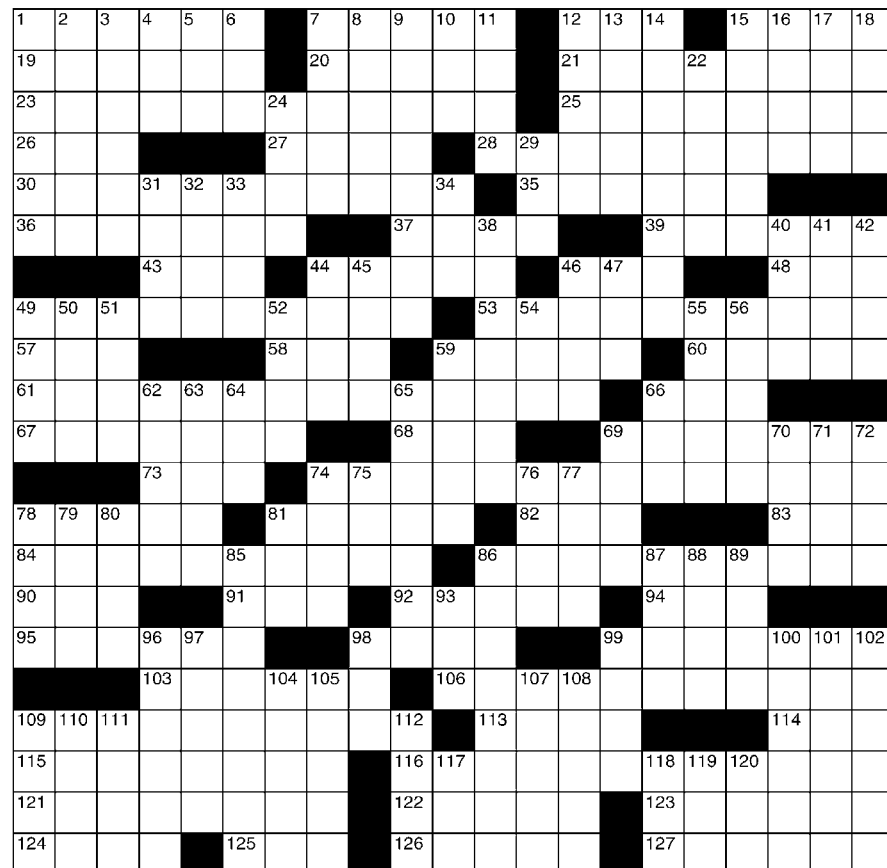
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12 Indy sponsor
15 Andy's pal
19 Ryan and Tatum
20 Little Mermaid's name
21 Superman's love interest
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25 Rotating part in a water pump
26 Chicago-to-Atlanta dir.
27 Fraternal org. with lodges
28 Canine with gray brindled fur (1993)
30 Carnival treat on a stick (1998)
35 Loch monster, informally
36 Shoe parts
37 Piccolo's kin
39 Skin art
43 Retail store's beginning?
44 Rice — (food brand)
46 Iowa college

- 48 Woman on "Frasier"
49 Plant also called bachelor's button (1958)
53 Glitzy display (1993)
57 Verse tribute
58 Counterpart of masc.
59 Test versions
60 Old — (quaint)
61 Sky, to the U.S. Air Force (2003)
66 Tax-deferred svgs. plan
67 Nestlé movie theater treats
68 Zadora of "Butterfly"
69 "That's a big yes from me!"
73 "Criminal Minds" airer
74 Grassland on the slope of a peak (1998)
78 Pond growth
81 Curt
82 P.O. arrival
83 Hip-hop "Dr."
84 Plant rolled about by the wind (1993)
86 Makeup of many dunes (1998)
90 Deg. for a future exec

- 91 Large tank
92 Novelist Jong
94 Often-refined resource
95 Capitol group
98 Life story: Abbr.
99 Gets by
103 Lose all feeling
106 Both pleasant and sad (1958)
109 "The final frontier" (1998)
113 See 54-Down
114 Caustic alkali
115 Muscle rotating the forearm to a palm-down position
116 What each of this puzzle's featured answers is (with the year it was introduced)
121 Lily Tomlin's little girl persona
122 Confine
123 Spelunking chamber
124 Pecans, e.g.
125 "Norma —"
126 Hops-drying ovens
127 Sports deals

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2 Togetherness
3 Doctrines
4 "... we'll — a cup o' kindness ..."
5 Pixieish sort
6 WWW access inits.
7 Florida port
8 Sky hunter
9 Missed badly
10 Wooden pin
11 Vegas fixture
12 Gloppy stuff
13 Burial places
14 Calumet part
15 100% wrong
16 St. — (French resort)
17 Like Nash's "lama"
18 Feudal slave
22 Opera — (many a Handel work)
24 Basic skills
29 Suffix with hero
31 Smallish city
32 Royal Norse name
33 Little — (Dickens girl)
34 Yang go-with
38 Tried to hit, as a clay target
40 British trolley

- 41 Leak slowly
42 Rocker Osbourne
44 — bit (just slightly)
45 — Martin (cognac)
46 Energy mogul
47 Pound divs.
49 Dairy animals
50 Norse god
51 Move, in Realtor lingo
52 "Just the Two —" (1981 hit)
54 With 113-Across, had some humble pie
55 Based on — story
56 Fancy crown
59 Square in the first bingo-card column
62 Mr. T movie
63 Biblical tower setting
64 Old hi-fi buys
65 "The Da Vinci Code" group
66 Suffix with hero
69 Apropos of
70 Old Icelandic saga
71 Michael who played Worf
72 Had liabilities
74 Confront
75 Often-refined resource
76 Sir Guinness
77 "— boy!"
78 S&L devices
79 Garage job
80 Certain Fed
81 Pan Am rival
85 Planet seen at sunset, old-style
86 Canon or Sony products, for short
87 Wave sound
88 Baking pans
89 Deli dish
93 Steal from
96 Go-betweens
97 Yeshiva text
98 Telly network
99 Cry feebly
100 Solidified
101 Pal of Pooh
102 Ships' backs
104 "Once — midnight dreary ..."
105 Seine feeder
107 "Taste this"
108 Cel figures
109 Not closed
110 Language of Pakistan
111 "Snap —!"
112 Canyon effect
117 Actor Stephen
118 Be a thespian
119 Road vehicle
120 Eggs



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work requires increased effort during the next few days. But it all will pay off down the line. Things ease up in time for weekend fun with family and/or friends.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your genuine concern for others could prompt you to promise more than you can deliver. It's best to modify your plans now before you wind up overcommitted later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A situation that seems simple at first glance needs a more thorough assessment before you give it your OK. Dig deeper for information that might be hidden from view.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Careful: Right now, things might not be quite what they appear. Even the intuitive Crab could misread the signs. Get some solid facts before you act on your suspicions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels are high, allowing you to complete those unfinished tasks before you decide to take on a new project. A social invitation could come from an unlikely source.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might think you're helping, but unless you're asked for a critique, don't give it. If you are asked, watch what you say. Your words should be helpful, not hurtful.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your attempt at mediating disputes might meet some opposition at first. But once you're shown to be fair and impartial, resistance soon gives way to cooperation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Go ahead. Reward yourself for helping settle a disturbing workplace situation. On another note: A personal relationship might be moving to a higher level.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A sudden change of heart by a colleague might create some momentary uncertainty. But stay with your original decision and, if necessary, defend it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Rely on a combination of your sharp instincts along with some really intense information gathering to help you make a possibly life-changing decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Instead of worrying if that new person in your life will stay or leave, spend all that energy on strengthening your relationship so it becomes walkout-resistant.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A sudden financial dry spell could reduce your cash flow to a trickle. But by conserving more and spending less, you'll get through the crunch in good shape.

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Rochester Lions Breakfast with Santa

The Rochester Lions Breakfast with Santa will be held on **December 10**, 8-11:00 at the Sippican Rod & Gun Club, 215 Dexter Lane, Rochester. Proceeds to Lions charities. For info, call Lorraine 598-728-7767

Upcoming Event at Rochester Historical Museum

Go back in time for a one- of-a- kind holiday concert at the Rochester Historical Society Museum at 355 County Road on **December 11** at 2:00 pm. Listening to music in our 19th century church is a holiday experience as rare as our vocalion organ built in 1893.

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Tri-Town Against Racism Community Book Club to Discuss Gender Queer

In response to community debate on whether or not certain books should be available in our school libraries, TTAR is hosting a book club to discuss one of the books that has been the subject of controversy. Gender Queer, a graphic memoir written and illustrated by Maia Kobabe will be discussed. The meeting is on Thursday, **December 15** at 7:00 pm at the Friends Meeting House Community Hall, 103 Marion Road, Mattapoisett. All are

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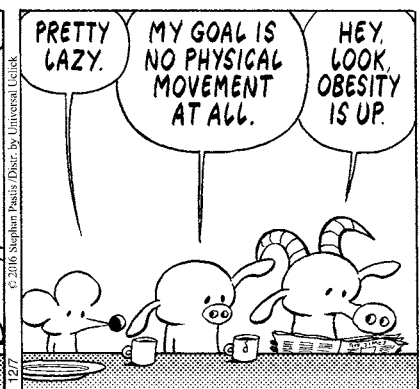
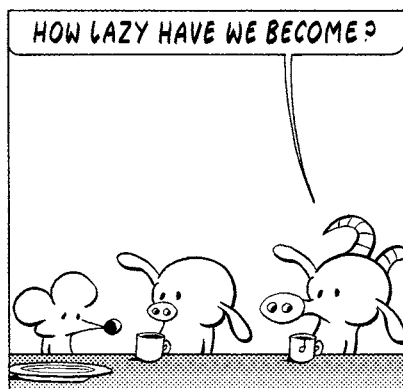
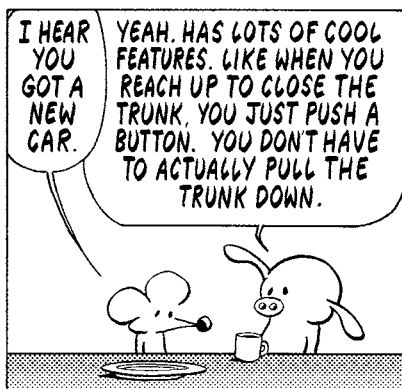
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

While the picture with this article isn't the clearest, it surprised me when it showed up after typing in Rochester, MA. The Wikipedia entry for Rochester begins with this view of a smokestack at an industrial site. I had to double check that it wasn't for Rochester, NY. While I did recognize it as SEMASS, I wasn't sure that the photo spoke "Rochester" to me. However, when I was looking through newspaper clippings for info on the water tower, I came across folders of clippings about the SEMASS trash to energy plant, so the picture and the clippings combined led to this article.

SEMASS, or at least the idea of it, took up reams of newspaper during the mid to late 1970s. The idea of a plant that would turn trash into energy had many backers, including Rochester selectman, Fred Underhill Sr. There were a variety of hurdles to its creation. One of them was that



the financial feasibility of such a plant was dependent on being able to come up with enough trash. While we all know there's always plenty of trash around, SEMASS would need agreements from area towns to send their trash to the plant.

Eventually, enough towns and cities signed up, including Carver, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, Wareham and then Fairhaven, New Bedford and towns on Cape Cod. By 1980, the plant got initial approval and by November 11, 1985 (after 8 years of planning), there was a groundbreaking ceremony.

Once the plant began operating in the late 80s, the many newspaper articles continued. Some were about



Old Rochester Regional High School senior girls participated in "powder puff day" on November 23 against Wareham. Photo by Sarah Briggs



During Marion's Village Stroll to be held on Sunday, December 11, from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm, the welcome mat will be out at Sippican Woman's Club, 152 Front Street. Stop by for warmth, conversation and traditional wassail, while viewing a display of club's past accomplishments. Jeanne Bruen, club historian (left) points out highlights of the club's history to Carolyn Kenney, vice president for fund-raising who had the inspiration for "Find A Friend" and will be giving out prizes to participating children ages 3 -12. Photo courtesy of Sippican Woman's Club



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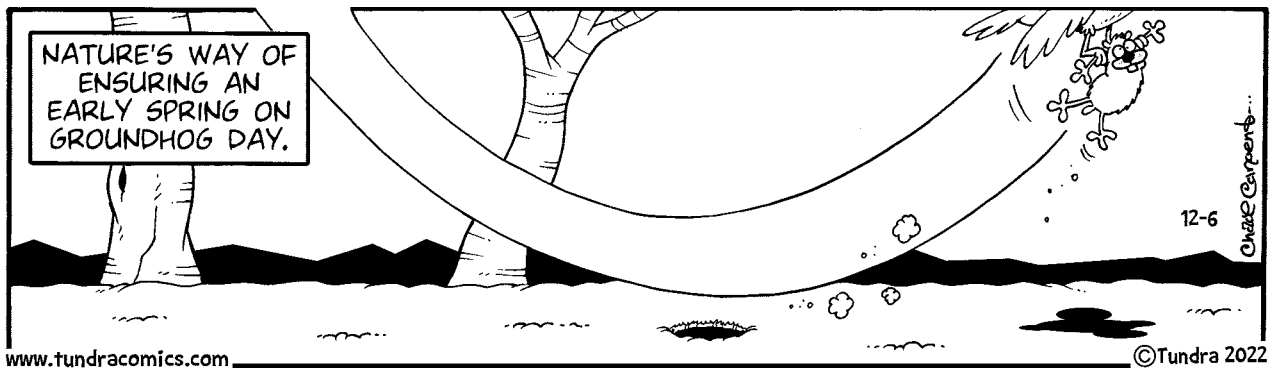
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the financial boon that the trash to energy plant was for Rochester, but many more were complaints. In part, the complaints were about issues of noise, odors and traffic. There were, however, more interesting tales about items found in the trash. Shortly after the plant opened, a gold ring was found along with keys, forks, spoons and pennies, lots of pennies that had found their way into household trash. There were days when the coins and metal added up to \$1000-\$1500. Some of this money went to schools in the area.

Probably, the most unusual find was a car buried in the landfill in 1990. A 1988 Pontiac Grand Prix was buried under year old trash by the owner and an accomplice in an attempt to collect on insurance after

reporting it stolen. After a tip, Rochester police searched with a backhoe over two days. When they found the car, it had been flattened, but the license plate was intact. The perpetrators, two of whom worked there, were arrested and tried. These days things seem much quieter at the SEMASS, though there have been many changes over the years.

Christmas Day Swim to Benefit Helping Hands and Hooves

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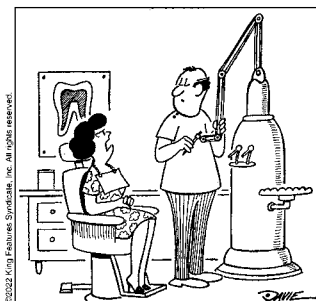
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Sippican Woman's Club

Find Your Friend & Receive a Gift at the Marion Village Stroll Sunday, **December 11**, 3 - 5:30 pm- Look for The Sippican Woman's Club's helper elves wearing red sashes. The elves will be handing out neon stick lighted lanyards to all kids at the Stroll. Each lanyard has a tag with a special design. Look for another kid in the crowd with a matching design, viola a new friend and a prize for both of you. Come to the Sippican Woman's Club, aka "The Tavern", 152 Front Street for your prize! Over 300 prizes to give away.

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MCC Invites the Community to Two Special Events

This year, the annual White Gifts Pageant will be part of the Sunday morning service on **December 11** at 10 am. Since the 1930s, Mattapoisett Congregational Church has celebrated the season of Advent with a White Gifts Pageant. After the retelling of the story of Jesus' birth, donated gifts are brought to the manger. The gifts are wrapped in white paper so that no gift is fancier than

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All are invited to both events. For additional information, please contact the church office at 508-758-2671 or mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

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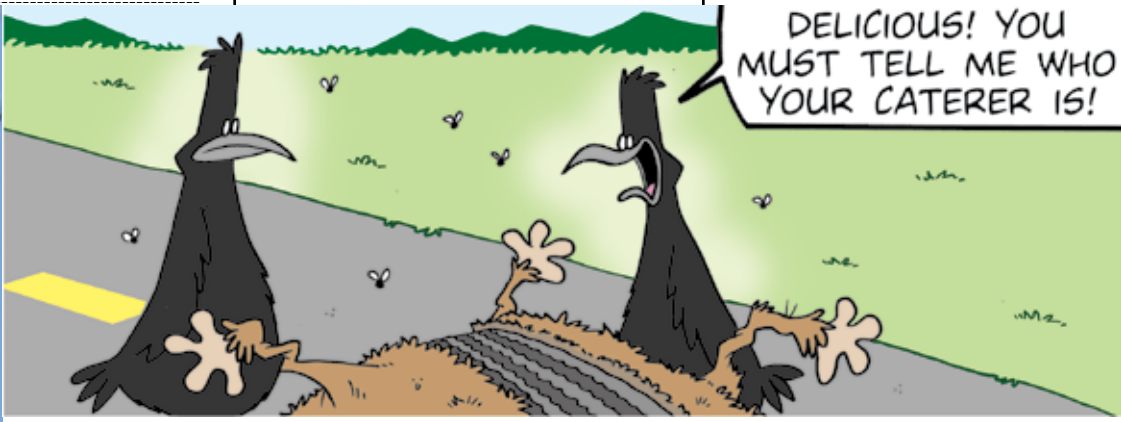


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Cookbook Swap, Thursday, **December 15** from 4 to 6 pm. Browse our unique collection of used cookbooks for sale or trade in a gently-used cookbook for one that's new to you. Light refreshments will be served.

Holiday Book Sale indoors at the Library, Thursday, **December 15** to Saturday **December 17**. Find the perfect last-minute holiday gift, books, ETL T-shirts & more! All sales benefit the library.

Build-a-Bear Workshop, Friday, **December 30** from 4 to 5 pm - Limit 15 participants, call the library to sign up. This workshop is not open to those who have participated in a previous Build-a-Bear Workshop.

Food drive to support the Marion Food Pantry. Support the Marion Food Pantry by dropping off donations of shelf-stable food, pet supplies or unopened hygiene and cleaning products to the Elizabeth Taber Library throughout November and December.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at: www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or call us at 508-748-1252.

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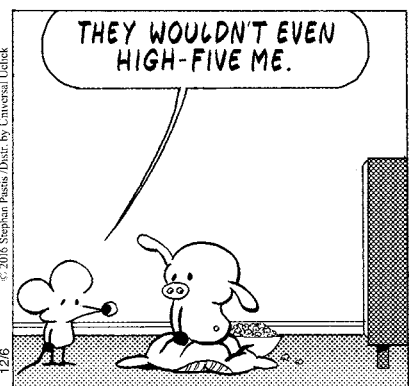
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December 18 at 10:00 am – On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we will light the Candle of Love as we recognize the love that sent Christ to earth to pay the price for all our sins.

December 24 at 7:00 pm – During this candlelight Christmas Eve worship gathering, we will light the Christ Candle as our waiting comes to an end and we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Friday	December 9	8:30	8:52	1:20	2:30
Saturday	December 10	9:08	9:32	2:03	3:07
Sunday	December 11	9:46	10:14	2:47	3:43
Monday	December 12	10:25	10:58	3:29	4:20
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Thursday	December 15	12:29	12:34	5:50	6:34
Friday	December 16	1:14	1:21	6:57	7:29
Saturday	December 17	2:02	2:12	8:13	8:22
Sunday	December 18	2:54	3:10	9:21	9:13
Monday	December 19	3:51	4:12	10:18	10:02
Tuesday	December 20	4:48	5:12	11:08	10:50
Wednesday	December 21	5:42	6:07	11:57	11:38
Thursday	December 22	6:34	6:59		12:47
Friday	December 23	7:25	7:51	12:28	1:40
Saturday	December 24	8:17	8:43	1:21	2:33
Sunday	December 25	9:10	9:37	2:16	3:23
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon		December 16th December 23rd December 29th January 6th	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

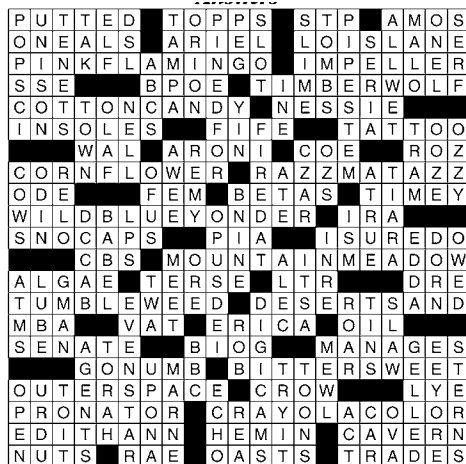
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Bounce
2. Smoke
3. Plead;
4. Split

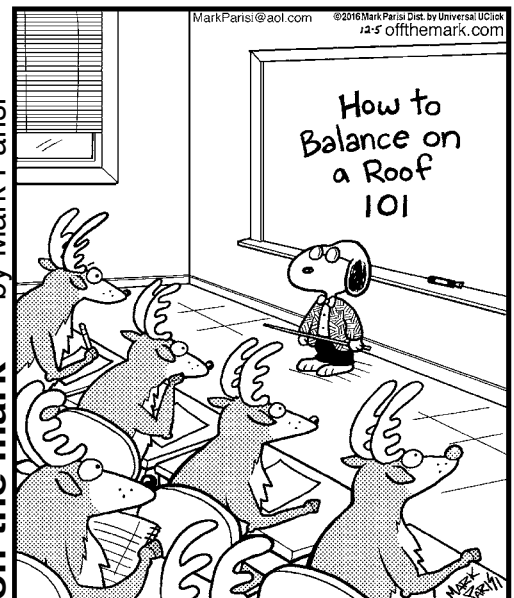
Today's Word

SPOUSE

Sudoku Answer

8	7	1	9	5	4	3	6	2
4	5	9	2	3	6	1	8	7
2	6	3	7	1	8	4	9	5
7	1	5	4	8	2	6	3	9
3	8	2	6	9	1	5	7	4
9	4	6	5	7	3	8	2	1
6	2	8	1	4	9	7	5	3
5	3	4	8	2	7	9	1	6
1	9	7	3	6	5	2	4	8

by Mark Parisi



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Sauce
\$3.99



Grandma's
12 oz. Original
Molasses..... \$3.99
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Cherry Pie Filling..... \$4.99
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6 oz. Graham Cracker
Pie Crust..... \$1.69
Betty Crocker
14.5 oz. Cake & Cookie Mix
Gingerbread..... \$2.99
King Arthur
22 oz. Gluten-Free
Chocolate Cake Mix \$4.99
Morton
48 oz. Coarse
Kosher Salt..... \$3.99

Snapdragon
2.1 oz. Selected
Pho Bowls..... 2/\$4
Pomi
26.46 oz.
Chopped Tomatoes.. \$3.49
Kraft
12-14 oz. Velveeta or Original
Macaroni & Cheese.. 2/\$7
Chocolove
3.1-3.2 oz. Selected
Chocolate Bars..... 2/\$5
Giovanni Rana
38-40 oz. Lasagna or
Fettuccine Meal Kit \$11.99
PictSweet Farms
10-14 oz. Selected
Vegetables..... 2/\$5

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Yogurt
2/\$3



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Cheese
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